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In re the Application of: SHIMOSATO, Yoshikazu, et al.

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For: **CONTINUOUS VACUUM CARBURIZING FURNACE**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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September 29, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.